

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee:

My name is Lorenza Perez Aguilar, I am a mother, I am 33 years old and I live in Hartford. I am a member of *Hartford Deportation Defense*. I support **HB 6616: An Act Relating to the Expansion of HUSKY Health Benefits for Persons Ineligible Due to Immigration Status**.

In 2016, I had a problem with my 6-year-old daughter who was born in Guatemala. She had a disease that gave her sores on her arm and the doctors took away the medicine she was taking because she did not have health insurance. Thanks to the work of our community and the legislature, my daughter now has access to Husky. But I still worry about my 16-year-old girl and my own health. With my 6-year-old girl, they told me that there was no solution, and for now she is better, but you never know what could happen later. At least I know that if it gets worse, I can take her to the doctor. But it is not like that in my case, nor with my 16-year-old girl.

I'm here supporting **HB 6616** because we need everyone to have access to health insurance. This law will cover my daughter, but all my children need me to be healthy, and the government should cover me as well.

Thanks for your time,

Lorenza Perez Aguilar